

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minutes

Executive Session  
Monday, July 23, 2007

Cafeteria  
Davis Hill Elementary School

*Committee Members Present:*

Margaret Watson, Chair	Robert Imber
Cynthia Bazinet	Julianne Kelley
Robert Carter	Duncan Leith
Colleen Cipro	John Nunnari
Shirley Conrad	Norman Plourde
Melinda Coyle	Kathleen Sweeney
Steven Hammond	Marcie Zaharee

*Committee Members Absent:*

Thomas Ackerman	Judith Newton
Cynthia Ahearn	Michael Sherman
Mark James	Joseph Sova

*Administration Present:*

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Superintendent of Schools  
Rebecca Petersen, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

Chair Watson called the executive session of the School Committee to order at 9:00 PM.

For the benefit of new members, Member Nunnari explained the intent of executive session and further explained the importance of keeping the content of discussions during executive sessions private. Members should not release to the public or discuss outside of executive session anything talked about in executive session until the matter(s) has been resolved. Member Nunnari went on to explain that the point to using red paper for matters relating to executive sessions it to keep the School Committee aware of the need for confidentiality.

Chair Watson then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Pandiscio.

The Superintendent gave an update on negotiations with the Wachusett Regional Nurses Association. He reported that according to what has been brought to the table by the nurses' union, salary increases for the 2007-2008 school year for nurses in this District would total approximately \$216,000. Superintendent Pandiscio reported he will gather information to compare Wachusett salaries to cohorts and that he will go back to the bargaining table with the nurses.

The Superintendent noted that negotiations have also begun with the Wachusett Administrators Association.

9:12 PM Member Carter left the table.

9:16 PM Member Carter returned to the table.

Superintendent Pandiscio updated the Committee on the high school building project and distributed copies of a “revised” June 22, 2007 letter from Strekalovsky Hoit Raymond and a proposal from URS, dated July 18, 2007 (attachments 1 & 2). The URS proposal is for estimating and scheduling services

Motion: To authorize an increase of \$182,000 in the fee to be paid to Strekalovsky Hoit Raymond, according to the schedule presented in the document dated April 26, 2007, revised June 22, 2007.

(R. Carter)  
(D. Leith)

Discussion continued.

Motion: To move the question.

(R. Imber)  
(D. Leith)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Melinda Coyle  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Roll call vote on main motion:

In favor:

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Melinda Coyle  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Motion: To extend the contract with URS to provide scheduling and estimating services, as per their proposal, with monthly reports to the School Committee

(R. Carter)

(D. Leith)

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Melinda Coyle  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

Motion: To adjourn.

Roll call vote:

In favor:

Margaret Watson  
Cynthia Bazinet  
Robert Carter  
Colleen Cipro  
Shirley Conrad  
Melinda Coyle  
Steven Hammond  
Robert Imber  
Julianne Kelley  
Duncan Leith  
John Nunnari  
Norman Plourde  
Kathleen Sweeney  
Marcie Zaharee

Opposed:

None

(Motion passed unanimously)

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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